

delinquency of the Superintendents. On motion the section was amended, making it the duty of the Secretary of the State Board to notify the Commissioners on the 11th of each month of any delinquency on the part of Superintendents to send in their reports by the 10th. As amended the section was adopted.

SEC. 7. This section, relating to the salaries of Superintendents of Health, provoked a very great deal of discussion by the members of the Conference generally. The Secretary thought the salaries of these officers should be imposed and regulated by legislative enactment so that they could act independently in performing their duties. There was a unanimity of opinion as to the fact that the salaries of the Superintendents were far from satisfactory, but there seeming to be an inability to come to any conclusion as to the best and wisest plan for improving them, Dr. Hodges moved that the matter be referred to a committee who should consider it and report at the afternoon session. The motion was carried.

SEC. 8. The Secretary explained that this section was introduced in its proposed form for the purpose of making one definite day for the election of Superintendents in all the counties of the State, and so that all terms of office would expire at the same time. Dr. Thomas thought the reason why local Boards of Health held such infrequent meetings was because they were invested with no power except to give advice and their advice generally resulted in nothing. The section was adopted.

SEC. 9. Adopted.

SEC. 10. Adopted.

SEC. 11. Adopted.

SEC. 12. Adopted.

SEC. 13. Dr. Hodges thought we ought to deal with great tenderness with the affairs of the public schools.